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"THREE MILES OUT"

Half an hour before the time set for her marriage, Molly Townsend, of the 400, learned that Luis Riccardi, the fiance, was a thief. Captain Locke climbed into her window, revealed that Riccardi was an imposter, and begged the girl to run away with him. So Molly hurried to the dock, where the captain's ship was at anchor.

Riccardi, to rid himself of his rival, had commissioned Locke to deliver a boat to a South American government, Locke accepting in the hope of obtaining evidence against Riccardi. Miss Townsend rushed aboard the boat as it was about to sail.

Next morning Molly found the captain had been thrown overboard and that she faced a crew of roughs, drunk with the cargo smuggled aboard by rum-runners. In Locke's cabin she found a diamond necklace, stolen from her home. Here seemed evidence that Locke, not Riccardi, was a thief. Molly ran to the wireless room and sent a message to Riccardi, praying forgiveness and aid. Jorgen, tough leader of the crew, and Smoothy, his yegg friend, rushed in and demolished the wireless instrument.

Jorgen cornered Molly in a cabin, where she read him a telegram purporting to be from Riccardi, ordering him to take good care of the girl or be held to strict account. However, the telegram proved to be from the police, ordering Jorgen's arrest on a charge of murdering a man for a diamond necklace.

Then it developed that Locke, thrown overboard the night before, had gained the shore and notified the police. Jorgen after a fight over the girl with Smoothy, lighted a dynamite fuse and, the ship ripping apart, Molly was tossed high in air. Far above the deck, she clung desperately to the rigging. When roused from her swoon she found herself in the arms of Riccardi, who had come in response to her wireless, bringing a minister, so the two might be married on board.

The ceremony was about to be performed when a police boat came along-

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side and the men climbed aboard the ship. Locke identified Jorgen as the man who had thrown him overboard. Jorgen declared his orders had been to do away with the captain, and he produced a slip of paper, in Riccardi's handwriting showing where the contraband liquor was to be delivered. Riccardi tried to escape but was halted and handcuffed. Jorgen was claimed as the slayer of a waiter at the Townsend home, and thief of the necklace.

Molly and Locke were left to explain things to each other--and we assume that they did.

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